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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING WITH
SECRETARY: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE HAS BEEN AGREED WITH MOROCCAN
FOREIGN MINISTER FOR USE SHOULD THERE BE PRESS INQUIRIES
REGARDING SECRETARY'S MARCH 11 MEETING WITH HIM:

Q. WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE MOROCCAN FOREIGN
MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY?

A. THE SECRETARY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSSED
ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST AND CONCERN, INCLUDING SOME OF
A BILATERAL NATURE AND SOME OF AN INTERNATIONAL
CHARACTER, AS ONE IN A SERIES OF PERIODIC EXCHANGES
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DESIGNED TO REINFORCE THE CLOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CAME
TO WASHINGTON TO DELIVER A MESSAGE FROM KING HASSAN TO
PRESIDENT CARTER.

Q. DID THEY DISCUSS THE SAHARA OR THE SALE OF U.S. ARMS?

A. AS USUAL WE ARE NOT GOING TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF
SUCH DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES.

2. FYI ONLY - A SECOND MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY HAS
BEEN ARRANGED FOR MARCH 12. VANCE

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